

# West Virginia

## *Ecological Services Field Office*

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### Purpose

- Provide technical and/or financial assistance to private landowners interested in the conservation of migratory species and federally listed species
- Provide accurate and meaningful assistance to help other federal agencies fulfill their responsibilities toward federally listed species
- Provide assistance to state agencies and local governments in addressing federal mandates

### Management Activities

- Protect federally listed threatened and endangered species
- Protect wetlands and other sensitive habitats
- Serve as the federal government's expert on fish and wildlife for federal water resource projects and permits
- Establish partnerships for habitat protection and restoration

### Services Provided To

- Private citizens
- State and local agencies
- Federal agencies
- Tribal governments



*Warren Mickey Farm*



*Freshwater mussels*

### Highlights

The West Virginia Field Office coordinates with and provides critical wildlife resource information to a number of federal, state and local agencies regarding the impacts and enhancement opportunities of a wide variety of proposed projects.

The West Virginia Field Office has been instrumental in working with state and federal partners to protect and restore native freshwater mussels and fishes, including endangered species in the Ohio, Kanawha and Elk river watersheds.

Through a highly successful partnership with private industry, the West Virginia Field Office continues to work with partners to develop fish passage for American eel on the Potomac River.

Private landowners and government agencies worked with the Service to restore 3,259 acres of habitat and 60.2 miles of streambank on 106 projects.

### Issues

Wind power development, logging and mountaintop removal mining present many resource impact challenges.

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